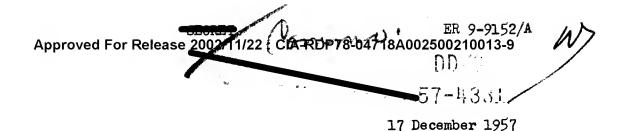ER 9-9152/A

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17 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT:

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(Proposed Legislation to Permit Reciprocal
Radio Agreements)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 4 December
1957, and previous correspondence respecting the proposed joint
report on the above subject to be submitted by the Chairman of the
Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference and the Director of Central
Intelligence.

2. Representatives of this Agency and of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation have had several meetings on this subject during
which we have considered the importance of improving facilities for
the transmittal from foreign posts of vital intelligence which might
be facilitated by the proposed legislation and also certain internal
security problems of concern to the FBI raised by this legislation.

3. It is our understanding from these conversations, which
I believe has already been confirmed to you by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
that the FBI would not object to seeking the proposed legislation,
provided privileges thereunder would not be extended to the Soviet
or Soviet Bloc countries without prior discussion and understanding
with the FBI. As you known, the CIA favors the legislation and I
understand you have received the concurrence to the Departments
of State and Defense.

4. I would point out, however, that in my opinion it would be
wise to proceed with this matter only if, after informal consultation
with the respective committees of the Senate and the House which
would be concerned therewith, it was ascertained that the legislation
could probably be secured without arousing controversy or acrimonious
debate as this might reveal certain sensitive operations and capabilities
in the field of communications.

/s/

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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